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City to Test Parking Meters that Allow Credit Card Payments for 90-Day Trial Period Test Location is Garden Street Near Cambridge Common

On Thursday, October 7, 49 new parking meters were installed on Garden Street between Mason Street and Massachusetts Avenue. The new meters accept credit cards as well as quarters.

The meters will be in place on a trial basis for 90 days so that the city can learn how the meters are accepted by the public, how well they perform and whether they are cost effective. The meters are manufactured by the IPS Group Inc. of San Diego. Aside from the credit card upgrade, the meters operate in the same manner as the city's current meters. The pay by credit card option will make it easier for users to pay without worrying about having enough quarters.

Users are encouraged to let us know what you think of these meters. Please send your comments to: parkingmeters@cambridgema.gov.

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